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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- October 1986

I. GENERAL

A. Beginning 18 October, the Bureau added evening shifts on Saturday and Sunday, thus expanding to 14 shifts per week. The Bureau is now open from 0445 to 2030 GMT daily. There is one editor, one teletypist, one African-languages monitor and one Portuguese monitor on duty each weekend shift.

B. The Bureau Chief and Embassy GSO met on 15 October with local lawyer Guy Bertram to work out the details of the contract to purchase a house for our new editor. At month's end, the only obstacles to signing a contract were setting a date for occupation and getting a deposit check from RAMC Paris.

C. Swaziland declared a week of official mourning in honor of the late Mozambican President Machel from 27 October to 2 November. The day of Machel's funeral, 28 October, was declared a public holiday in Swaziland. The U.S. Embassy followed suit and closed for the day. All public functions were cancelled during the week of mourning, and the Swazi Government provided buses to those who wished to attend the funeral in Maputo.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. At 0956 GMT on 20 October, SAPA carried South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha's condolences to Mozambique on the death of President Samora Machel in a plane crash just inside the South African border, thus ending over 4 hours of growing indications that Machel had died in the crash as he was returning from a Frontline Summit in Lusaka, Zambia. Virtually all initial reporting came from RSA media. Maputo Domestic Service limited itself to an early report that the president's plane was overdue and that a search was underway. Following this announcement, the radio suspended regular programming and carried only solemn music. It was not until some 10 hours after the RSA announcement and 24 hours after the crash that Maputo Radio issued a communique telling Mozambicans of the death of

President Machel. During that time there were numerous rumors from various sources on who had been killed with Machel and the cause of the crash. Despite the fact that the South Africans went out of their way to publicize the circumstances of the accident and to invite Mozambican and Soviet officials to participate in the crash investigation, rumors began almost immediately that South Africa was responsible for Machel's death. The Lusaka summit had been called to discuss RSA actions against Mozambique in retaliation for a series of terrorist incidents which South Africa blamed on Mozambique-based ANC guerrillas.

2. The events leading up to the death of President Machel included the banning by South Africa of all Mozambican workers on 8 October, and a speech by RSA Defense Minister Malan on 15 October in which he warned Mozambique of possible RSA reaction if the terrorist attacks by the ANC continued from Mozambique territory.

3. The Bureau extended hours on 20 and 21 October to provide sign-on to sign-off coverage of Mozambican media in the aftermath of the death of Machel, filing a series of media behavior FYI's.

4. A large number of foreign delegations arrived in Mozambique for Machel's funeral on 28 October, which was carried live on Maputo Radio. Although the eulogy was read by Marcelino dos Santos, the number two man in the party leadership, no successor to Machel was named until an extraordinary meeting of the Frelimo Central Committee on 3 November. Foreign Minister Chissano, widely regarded as the likely successor to Machel, was named president in a communique following the Central Committee meeting.

5. On 4 November, South African President P.W. Botha announced a major cabinet reshuffle. Two controversial officials, Louis Nel and Louis le Grange, were replaced and the ministry responsibilities were reorganized, resulting in one fewer minister but doubling the number of deputy ministers. The change was not unexpected and was viewed as an opportunity for Botha to bring in new talent and reward some Members of Parliament.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. New Afrikaans/African languages monitor [] entered on duty on 26 October, bringing the section and the Bureau to full strength.

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IV. VISITS

On 6 November, new Embassy communicator  was given a tour and briefing on the Bureau by the Bureau Chief.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for OCTOBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	438610
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	44240
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1217

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	5715.00	11310.00	139.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	12360		
Luanda ANGOP in English		0	
Luanda ANGOP in French		0	
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish		0	

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	4920		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	250		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	2300		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	1090		
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola	280		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		580	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		0	

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(Clandestine) KUP in
French to Southern and Central
Africa

2260

LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in
English

1260

Maseru Domestic Service in
seSotho

0

Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in
seSotho

0

Maseru NATION in
English

0

Maseru THE COMET in
English

0

MADAGASCAR

Antananarivo Domestic Service in
French

0

MALAWI

Blantyre Domestic Service in
English

1900

Blantyre DAILY TIMES in
English

0

Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in
English

0

MOZAMBIQUE

Maputo Domestic Service in
Portuguese

31810

Maputo in

English to Southern Africa

10060

Maputo NOTICIAS in
Portuguese

0

Maputo TEMPO in
Portuguese

0

Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in
Portuguese

0

NAMIBIA

Windhoek Domestic Service in
Afrikaans

0

Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in
Afrikaans

0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			0
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		8820	
Dakar PANA in French		500	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	8400		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	2560		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	24800		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	10330		
Johannesburg Television in English	4970		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	10420		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		188980	
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			0
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			450
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			2090
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			1330
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			2020
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			3340

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			1470
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			1520
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			2300
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			10300
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			50850
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	390		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	850		
Mbabane Television in English	200		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	10540		
USSR			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	480		
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	990		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	0		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	4310		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		

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Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	11620		
Harare Domestic Service in English	0		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	1810		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			0
Harare THE HERALD in English			2900
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0